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Claim 8 (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein one of said walls is cut out to receive a shaft of a syringe plunger.

Claim 9 (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said cradle is semi-cylindrical and is made of resilient material for receiving said barrel portion of said syringe when inserted in a direction toward said handle portion.

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Claim 11 (Amended) Apparatus for holding and operating one or more syringes, each of said syringes having a barrel and a plunger, comprising handle means for providing a grip for an operator's hand and a cradle for receiving the barrel of a single one of said syringes, and further comprising clip means for receiving the plungers of a plurality of said syringes and allowing simultaneous operation thereof.

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112 is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments, wherein the matters raised by the examiner have been addressed.

Reconsideration of the objection to claim 9 is requested in light of the presentation of claim 9 above.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §102 as unpatentable over the cited prior art is requested in view of the amendments to the claims. None of the references teaches or suggests the concept of a handle that holds a single syringe in an orientation such that the user can grip the handle and operate the plunger with the thumb. These references show devices that engage both of the syringes directly. As such the prior art devices are more complex structurally and more expensive to manufacture.